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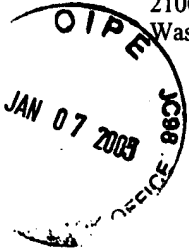
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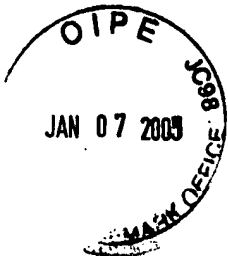
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Response to Amendment

1. The reply filed on August 26, 2004^{is} ^{JVC 12-21-04} ~~are~~ NOT fully responsive to the prior Office Action because of the following omission(s) or matter(s): the amendments to the specification and to the claims are not in strict compliance with the revised amendment practice in accordance with 37CFR 1.121 for amendments filed on or after July 30, 2003 as required. First of all, amendments to the specification *must* be made by submitting the full text of any replacement paragraph *with markings to show all the changes relative to the previous version of the paragraph*. Second of all, with regard to amendments to the specification and to the claims, strikethrough must be used to show deletions **except** where the strikethrough used to show proposed deletions of five or fewer characters cannot be easily perceived (i.e., "a" in line 7 of claim 1; "a" in line 5 of claim 7; "an" in line 4 of claim 27), in which case alternative means for indicating deletions (i.e., double brackets [[]]) **must** be used. Double brackets, however, may not be used for deletions of more than five characters.

See 37 CFR 1.121 and the attached Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment. Since the above-mentioned reply appears to be *bona fide*, applicant is given **ONE (1) MONTH or THIRTY (30) DAYS** from the mailing date of this notice, whichever is longer, within which to supply the omission or correction in order to avoid abandonment. **EXTENSIONS OF THIS TIME PERIOD MAY BE GRANTED UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a).**

2. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Ljiljana (Lil) V. Ciric, whose telephone number is (571) 272-4909.

While she works a flexible schedule that varies from day to day and from week to week, Examiner Ciric may generally be reached at the Office during the work week between the hours of 10

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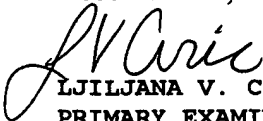
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If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Gene Mancene, can be reached at (571) 272-4930.

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